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CPD, USPTO, USWEST, Delphion patent and non patent literature. Search terms used - Sagnac, flow meter, optical, flow meter, (flowpath or pipe or conduit)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No(s).
A	US6545261 (Blake et al) 8-Apr-2003 entire document	1-13
A	US6611319 (Wang) 26-Aug-2003 abstract	none

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